

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A computer implemented method for
2 approving and paying an invoice for commodities, comprising
3 the steps of:

4 receiving a requisition from a requestor of
5 commodities;

6 marking said commodities upon said requisition as
7 either receivable or non-receivable commodities

8 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

9 generating from said invoice a notification to an
10 ~~authorizer~~ said requestor of commodities that includes
11 information needed to pay the invoice and a selectable
12 button for authorizing or rejecting payment; [[and]]

13 for commodities marked as receivable, executing a
14 positive confirmation process including:

15 responsive to authorization by said authorizer
16 requestor, creating an automated receipt
17 transaction file and entering said transaction
18 file into ~~a system~~ an enterprise resource planning
19 system for payment; and

20 responsive to rejection by said requestor,
21 creating an e-mail notification to accounts
22 payable for returning said invoice to said vendor;

23 for commodities marked as non-receivable, executing a
24 negative confirmation process.

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1 2. [Canceled]

1 3. [Canceled]

1 4. [Canceled]

1 5. [Canceled]

6. [Canceled]

1 7. [Canceled]

1 8. [Canceled]

1 9. [Canceled]

2 10. [Original] The method of claim 9, further comprising
3 the step on a scheduled basis of executing a bridge for
4 sending data from said database to said back-end procurement
5 services system for new invoice items for which payment has
6 been accepted.

1 11. [Original] The method of claim 10, further comprising
2 the step of posting as goods receipts at said back-end
3 procurement services system said new invoice items for which
4 payment has been accepted.

1 12. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 directing said authorizer to review a positive
4 confirmation notice within a front-end requisition and
5 catalog system;

6 responsive to said authorizer logging in to said front-
7 end system, displaying said notification.

1 13. [Currently amended] System for approving and paying an
2 invoice for commodities, comprising:

3 a front-end requisition and catalog server; said front-
4 end server for marking said commodities upon
5 requisition as either receivable or non-receivable
6 commodities;

7 a user interface to said front-end server for receiving
8 positive confirmation notices and providing positive
9 confirmation responses;

a back-end procurement services system;

said front-end system responsive to receiving an
invoice from said back-end system marked at time or
requisition as a non-receivable commodity that was
sourced from said front-end server of executing a
negative confirmation process for payment
authorization;

said front-end server being responsive receiving an
invoice from said back-end system marked at time of
requisition as a receivable commodity to an invoice for
commodities from said back-end system for executing a
positive confirmation process for payment
authorization, including generating from said invoice a
notification to an authorizer that includes information
needed to pay the invoice and a selectable button for
authorizing or rejecting payment; and

said front-end server being responsive to authorization
by said authorizer for an invoice received for a
commodity marked at requisition as a receivable
commodity for creating an automated receipt transaction
file and entering said transaction file into said back-

31 end system for payment.

1 14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Canceled]

16. [Canceled]

1 17. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 approving and paying an invoice for commodities, said method
5 steps comprising:

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7 marking said commodities upon requisition as either
8 receivable or non-receivable commodities;

9 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

10 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity
11 marked upon requisition as a non-receivable commodity,

12 executing a negative confirmation process for payment
13 authorization;

14 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity
15 marked upon requisition as a receivable commodity,
16 executing a positive confirmation process for payment
17 authorization, including:

18 generating from said invoice a notification to an
19 authorizer that includes information needed to pay
20 the invoice and a selectable button for
21 authorizing or rejecting payment; and

22 responsive to authorization by said authorizer,
23 creating an automated receipt transaction file and
24 entering said transaction file into a system for
25 payment.

1 18. [Canceled]

2 19. [Currently amended] A computer program product ~~or~~
3 ~~computer program element~~ for approving and paying an invoice
4 for commodities, ~~according to method steps~~ comprising:

5 a computer readable medium;

6 first program instructions for receiving a requisition
7 for commodities from a requestor and marking said
8 commodities selectively as receivable and non-
9 receivable commodities;

10 second program instructions for receiving said invoice
11 for commodities from a vendor;

12 third program instructions responsive to receiving an
13 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a
14 receivable commodity for executing a positive
15 confirmation process including generating from said
16 invoice a notification to ~~an authorizer~~ said requestor
17 that includes information needed to pay the invoice and
18 a selectable button for authorizing or rejecting
19 payment, and responsive to authorization by said
20 authorizer, for creating an automated receipt
21 transaction file and entering said transaction file
22 into a system for payment;

23 fourth program instructions responsive to receiving an
24 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a non-

25 receivable commodity for executing a negative
26 confirmation process; and wherein

27 said first, second, third and fourth program
28 instructions are recorded on said medium.